

Claims:

1. A system for synchronizing data between service portals (P1, P2), each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service, each of said portals
5 being accessible by means of remote access terminals (10, 12, 14), characterized in that it comprises first data synchronization means (S1, S3) adapted to establish a correspondence between the data stored in the portals, and in that the first synchronization
10 means have a client-server architecture, the client and the server of this architecture respectively comprising, on the one hand, a module (S3) hosted in one of said portals and communicating with a server (PIM2) implementing the personal information manager
15 service of said portal, and, on the other hand, a synchronization module (S1) hosted within the other portal or within each of the other portals and communicating with a server (PIM1) hosting a different personal information manager service, said modules
20 communicating via a computer network.

2. The system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises second means (S1, S2) for synchronizing data between the portals on the one hand and at least some of said terminals on the other hand.

25 3. The system as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the second synchronization means have a client-server architecture, the client and the server of this architecture respectively comprising, on the one hand, a client module hosted within each of the terminals
30 (10, 12, 14) and, on the other hand, a synchronization module (S1, S2) hosted within the portal, said client and synchronization modules communicating via a computer network.

4. The synchronization system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the first synchronization means comprise means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

5. The synchronization system as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 4, characterized in that the second synchronization means comprise means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

6. The synchronization system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCard" format.

7. The synchronization system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCalendar" format.

8. An access platform for services of a service portal hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service, comprising a set of at least one server (PIM1, PIM2) providing access to said services, accessible to remote access terminals (10, 12, 14) and associated with storage means in which personal information is loaded, characterized in that it comprises a synchronization system according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

9. The platform as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that it comprises means to generate a man-machine interface on the screen of the terminals, adapted to

initiate generation and transmission of synchronization commands intended for the synchronization system.

10. A method of synchronizing data between service portals each hosting at least one personal information
5 manager (PIM) service, characterized in that it comprises the steps of:

- 10 - generating a synchronization command using a man-machine interface supplied by a synchronization client (S3) of a client-server architecture hosted, on the one hand, in one of said portals (P1, P2) and, on the other hand, in one other portal or the other portals, said command conveying information relating to the data to be synchronized; and
- 15 - implementing the synchronization of data between the portals using a synchronization server (S1) hosted in said other portal(s) and indicated in the synchronization command.

11. The method as claimed in claim 10, characterized
20 in that the clients and the server communicate via a computer network according to a data synchronization language using content description markers (XML).

12. The method as claimed in claim 11, characterized
25 in that the data to be synchronized are presented according to at least one of the "vCard" and "vCalendar" formats, and in that the two-way conversion of the markers in "vCard" and "vCalendar" format is performed during the synchronization.